

- (b) (1) Rs. 29,811 by private persons to cultivate their lands.
 (2) In the case of Government lessees no figures can be given for the reasons mentioned in (2) answer to sub-division (a).
 (c) (1) Rs. 1,231—8—0; 22 persons to cultivate their patta lands.
 (2) Rs. 17,234—1—0; 1,064 persons (lessees under Food Production scheme).
 (d) (1) In the case of private parties as the requests in some cases are not *bona fide*, and as in many cases no proper security has been given or the security offered is insufficient.
 (2) In the case of Government lessees as they have already cultivated the lands taken up on lease or as they do not really stand in need of loan.
 (e) (1) Yes, in the case of private parties.
 (2) Lessees who had made specific request for loan subsequently were informed of the result of their applications.

**NO NOMINATION OF NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
 ABOLITION OF**

8. Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government will so amend the Government of Ccchin Act as to stop all nomination of non-official members and reserve eight seats to minority communities to be filled up by election;

(b) whether Government does not consider that the present system of nomination is open to the objection that the Government will nominate only such gentlemen as will support the Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (Diwan Peishkar) :

(a) Government do not consider it necessary.

(b) No.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : May I know whether nominated members are free to join political parties in the State.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : Oh, Yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : Am I to understand that the Government do not ever issue whips to nominated members?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : That is a matter for the Government to decide from time to time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : May I know whether there has been any instance wherein Government had issued whips?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : Even if they had they cannot disclose.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : May I know whether they are free to get seats alone with the parties to which they belong?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : With regard to that there is some understanding and according to that it is done.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : May I know whether the Government are aware that the nominated members have now joined the existing political parties in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : We have not inquired.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters) : Will the Government be pleased to consider the allocation of seats along with the party blocks if nominated members make the request?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : If requests come we will consider.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : Is the request to come from the nominated member?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : Yes. From the nominated member because he is to have the seat.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri) : He is taking the seat along with the party to which he is attached.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government) : But he must express his desire.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): What is the policy of the Government in nominating members.

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): Unrepresented communities and unrepresented interests are given representations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Is it to give a term to every unrepresented community in the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): As far as possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): What exactly is the objection of the Government to accept the position pointed out by the Hon'ble Member, namely, to reserve seats in the general election for these minorities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): That is a larger question, and the Government can answer that only after sufficient notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Is this not sufficient notice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): This question must have been sent at least 12 days ago and if the Government had no time to consider to this all important question we are helpless.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): Have not the government reserved Rs. 2,000 for general elections next year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): We have provided.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (Planters): In view of the possibility of an election next year will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of reserving seats for each community to be filled by election by those communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): We will consider.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): Is the government giving up the idea of nomination and making every seat elected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): These questions must be considered leisurely. The question was raised just now. We have not had any time to come to a definite conclusion.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): Will the Government be pleased to ascertain the views of the minorities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (Secretary to Government): That will be the first thing to be done.

CHALAKKUDI RIVER—BUNDING OF

9. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi):** Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is any proposal to bund up the Chalakkudi river at Ezhattumukham;

(b) if so, will it not affect the riparian rights of the people living on either side of the river, down Ezhattumukham;

(c) have the Government considered the possibility of the reduction of the flow of water down Ezhattumukham;

(d) is it not more advantageous to the State, if the bunding up is done somewhere on the upper side of Ezhattumukham?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer):

(a) There is a proposal to divert a portion of the water of the Chalakkudi river for irrigation purposes at a place called Thumburumuzhi about 1 mile higher up Ezhattumukham.

(b) No.

(c) All aspects have been considered.

(d) The site of the diversion is above Ezhattumukham.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (Chalakkudi): Is the Government aware that there is an apprehension in the people of Chalakkudi that if this scheme is executed in dry season, i. e., in Meenam and Medam, there will be no water in the lower side of the river. The river will be completely dried up. That is the apprehension felt by many people in our parts.

Mr. President: It is better to ask these supplementary questions tomorrow when the Hon'ble Member for Engineering will be present.